**Theme – Holy Habit … Fellowship**

The Book of Acts gives us ten clear instructions of how to become stronger and more faithful disciples. These are called ‘**Holy Habits**’ and they assist us in deepening our discipleship. Today we shall explore the fourth Holy Habit, **Fellowship.**

**Call to worship taken from Psalm 145:10-13**

**All This is the day the Lord has made.**

 **Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

**Hymn** **RS 114** *Let all the world in every corner sing*

**Opening prayers RS 30** *Father we love you*

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Readings** *`Acts 2: 37-47*

**Introduction to ‘Holy Habits ‘.** *Fellowship*

**Hymn RS 474** *Brother sister let me serve you*

**Offertory**

**A song to welcome the Word**

Bring your questions, bring your feelings,

bring the things you think you’ve learned.

Here, with God, let’s search for meaning,

in encounter with God’s Word.

By these texts and their retelling,

heard through all we bring today,

may God grant fresh understanding

of the role we’re called to play. ©John Campbell

©Kevin Mayhew

Tune is what a friend we have in Jesus

**2nd Reading *Romans 12:9-21***

**First ‘Holy Habit’ …..** *Koinonia*

**Personal Reflection**

**Hymn**

 Lord, make us servants of your peace;
 where there is hate, may we sow love;
 where there is hurt, may we forgive;
 where there is strife, may we make one.

 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;
 where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
 where all is night, may we sow light;
 where all is tears, may we sow joy.

 Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek
 to be consoled, but to console,
 nor look to understanding hearts,
 but look for hearts to understand.

 May we not look for love's return,
 but seek to love unselfishly,
 for in our giving we receive,
 and in forgiving are forgiv'n.

 Dying, we live, and are reborn
 through death's dark night to endless day;
 Lord, make us servants of your peace,
 to wake at last in heaven's light.

 © James Quinn/Cassell plc based on the prayer of St Francis of Assisi
 Tune O waly waly

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Response.**

Leader God who is love

**All Strengthen all people who seek fellowship**

 **with you and with their neighbour**

**Hymn**

 We welcome you into our midst,
 a stranger, soon to be a friend;
 we hope that you will feel at home,
 that bonds, now formed, may never end.

 As Jesus reached his hand to those
 whose apprehension he could sense,
 so here we pray, that Spirit filled,
 you'll live with Christ-like confidence.

 Now let us join in word and deed
 the mission that we're called to share;
 in fellowship by God we're bound
 to offer love, hope, peace and care.

 Andrew E Pratt (born 1948)
 © 2001 Stainer & Bell Ltd
 Tallis canon
**Closing Prayer**

**Blessing**

Leader May the God who is in fellowship with us

**All Bless us with Love**

Leader May the Christ who is in fellowship with friend and

 stranger

**All Walk with us with Grace**

Leader May the Spirit who is in fellowship with the world

**All Breathe through our hearts**



**2. Fellowship**

